

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON COMMERCE**

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

12:00 p.m.

Room 519, House Office Building

Chair Meisner called the Standing Committee on Commerce to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Byrum, Clemente, Coulouris, Dean, Griffin, Johnson, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Knollenberg, Meltzer (15/19)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Reps. Accavitti, Palsrok, Stakoe, Rick Jones (4/19)

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 5609** before the committee.

HB 5609 Simpson Economic development; local development financing; additional certified technology parks; provide for.

Representative Simpson explained the intent of the bill and answered questions.

Dan Phelan, President of Jackson Community College, testified in **support** of the bill and answered questions. He also submitted written testimony.

Karen Dunigan, representing Jackson Citizens for Economic Growth, testified in **support** of the bill. She also submitted written testimony.

Lisa Deddon, from the Office of Senator Schauer, testified in **support** of the bill and answered questions.

James McBryde, representing the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, testified on the bill and answered questions.

Scott Schrager, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Johnson moved to adopt **Substitute (H-2)** to **House Bill 5609**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Byrum, Clemente, Coulouris, Dean, Griffin, Johnson, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Meltzer (14/19)

NAYS: None (0/19)

PASS: Rep. Knollenberg (1/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Valentine moved to **report House Bill 5609**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-2)**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Byrum, Clemente, Coulouris, Dean, Griffin, Johnson, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Meltzer (13/19)

NAYS: Rep. Huizenga (1/19)

PASS: Rep. Knollenberg (1/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Simpson moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on February 26, 2008. Hearing no objection, the **motion prevailed** with unanimous consent.

Representative Robert Jones moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, **Chair Meisner** excused **Representatives Accavitti, Palsrok, Stakoe** and **Rick Jones**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **12:50 p.m.**

Representative Andy Meisner, Chair

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk
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